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for all Atlantic coast fish species or successful
restoration well in progress by 2015*

Atlantic Striped Bass Draft Addendum II for Public Comment

Public Hearing Presentation
June – September 2010



Timeline

*February 4,
2010*

Board Passed Motion to Initiate Addendum



*February-
April 2010*

Draft Addendum for Public Comment Developed



May 2010

Board Reviewed and Approved Draft Addendum
for Public Comment (with modifications)



*June-September
2010*

Public Comment Period



*November
2010*

Board Reviews Public Comment and Considers
Final Approval of Options and Addendum



Changes Proposed

- 1) Increase to Coastal Commercial Quota
- 2) Revision to Definition of Recruitment Failure

For each proposed change, document includes: statement of the problem, background information, management options, and technical analysis.

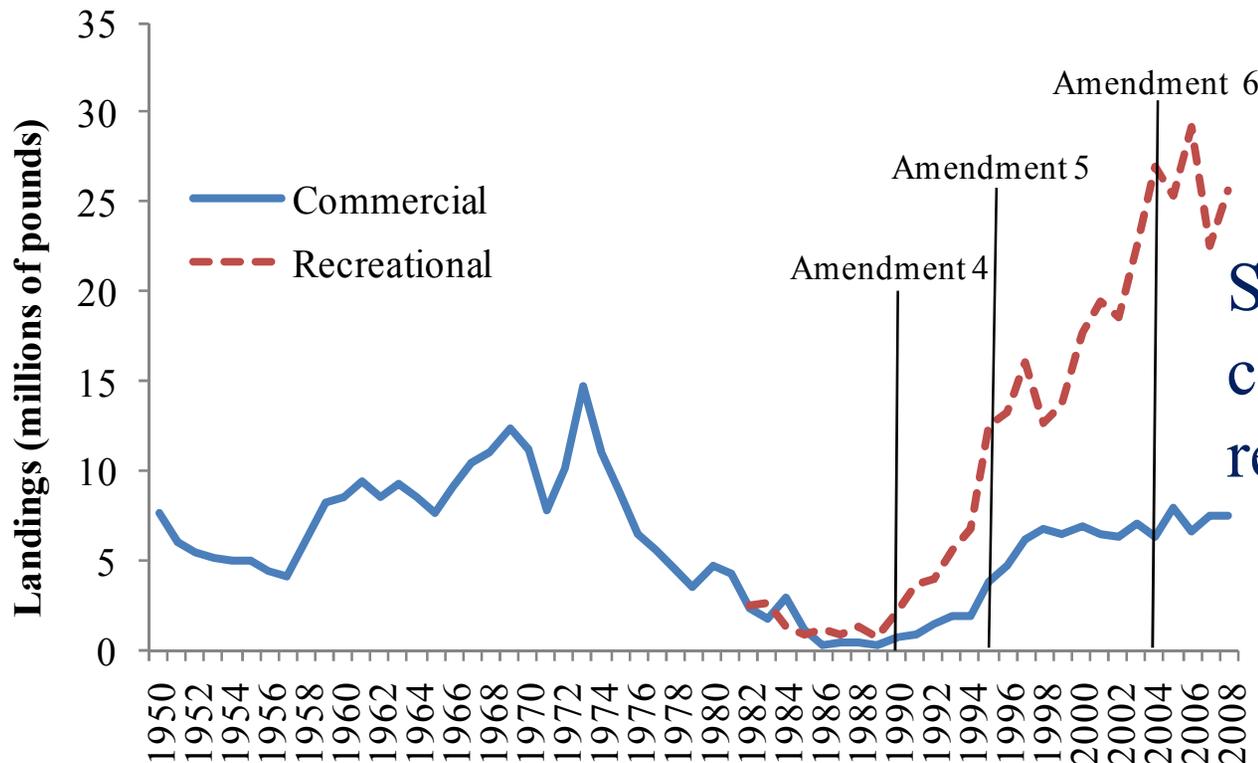


Coastal Commercial Quota Background: Fishery Status

2003-2008 Average:

42% of commercial landings are coastal commercial landings

9% of total landings are coastal commercial landings



Since 1990 (reopening),
commercial $\uparrow > 8X$,
recreational $\uparrow > 10X$



Coastal Commercial Quota Management Options

Option 1: Status Quo

(Note: A state could propose an increase to its coastal commercial quota through an equivalent reduction in its recreational fishery. Whether states have data and methods to develop such proposals that would meet TC approval, and if Board would accept one, is uncertain. Board interested in public comment on concept.)

Option 2: Increase Coastal Commercial Quotas

Percent increase selected by Board; applied to Amendment 6 allocation not modified quotas.



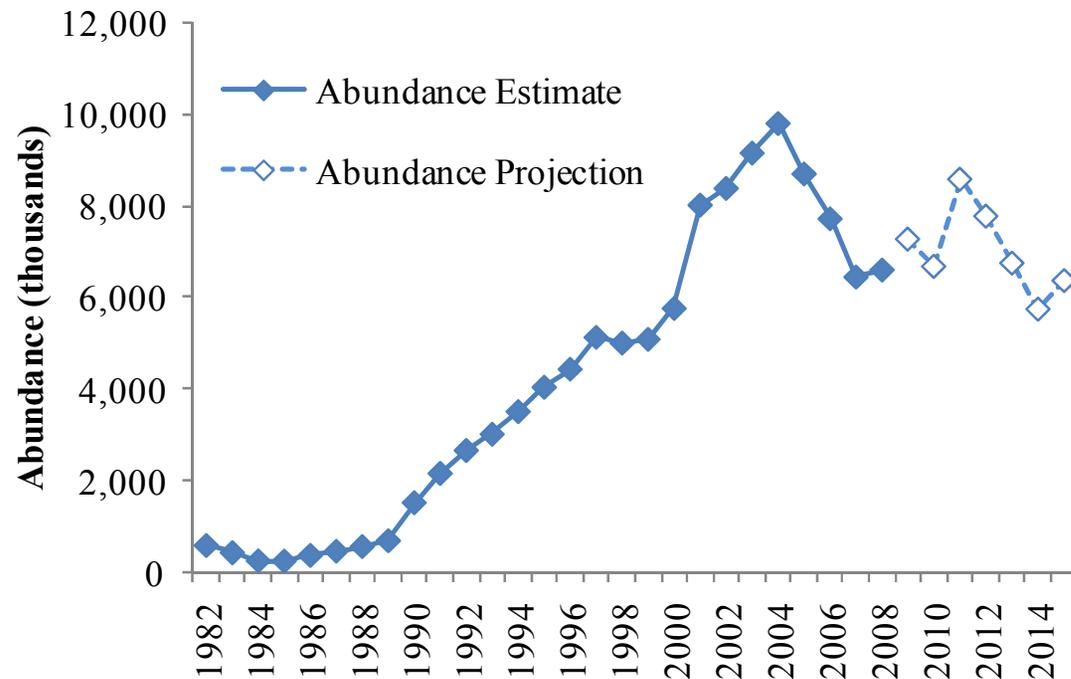
Coastal Commercial Quota Technical Review

- Management decision about allocation
- Evaluated risk of Option 2: simulated 20, 30, 40, 50% quota increases beginning in 2004, and assumed full quota utilization
 - 50% increase: 2008 F increase from 0.21 to 0.29, 2008 SSB decrease from 55,000 mt to 49,142 mt
 - Still not overfishing, not overfished
- Results should be viewed in light of stock projections



Coastal Commercial Quota Technical Review

Age 8+



- Decline due to more modest recruitment last 4 years
 - Management measures unlikely to influence recruitment
- Catch likely to decline under projection



Submitting Comments

Deadline: 5:00 PM (EST), October 1, 2010

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